

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**JANUARY 24, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:05 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. O'Connor – present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2013 and to defer approval of the January 17, 2013 meeting; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for bid dates of January 31, 2013, February 7, 2013 with a bid opening date of February 21, 2013 for 1st District Roadway Improvements – Amy Avenue – 116th Street to 115th Street and Amy Court. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2855)

Supplemental Agreement for the Willard Road Reconstruction Project submitted for approval by Nies Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni stated the additional cost of \$8,600 is for additional design work done at the project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-071)

Contract with Diversitycom, Inc. for telephone system installation submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-072)

Memorandum of Understanding with Purdue University for the Extension of Territorial Jurisdiction and Purdue University Fixed Price Research Services Agreement for the Simulation and Visualization Model for the Gostlin Street Corridor. Motion by Mr. Lendi to approve both the Memorandum of Understanding and the Fixed Price Research Agreement; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-073)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-074)

Hearing on property located at 4834 Ash Avenue. Attonrey Matthews appeared for the property owner. Mr. Matthews advised the property is now vacant and the owner will remove the attic apartment. Mr. Matthews then requested a two (2) week continuance. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-075)

Hearing on property located at 3849 Sheffield Avenue. Attonrey Matthews, as new counsel, appeared for the property owner, Ms. Sharon Stolarz. Mr. Matthews requested a thirty (30) day continuance. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 28, 2013; seconded by Mr.

Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-076)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City of Hammond demolition hearings. Mr. Smith advised all parties were notified and proper service made.

Demolition status hearings on property located at 4425 Ash Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised a Demolition Order was affirmed on January 27, 2012 and no progress has been made since that time. Mr. Smith advised this property will proceed to demolition.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 2006, 2008, 2010 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith advised the property is waiting for passage of final inspection and requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on 8030 Cline Avenue. Mr. Smith advised this property was demolished by the owner and will be removed from the demolition list.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1846 Davis Avenue Attorney Joseph Banasiak appears for property owner. Mr. Smith advised the property owners and the City entered into an Agreement to Rehabilitate which expires April 1, 2013. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013 for status of repair. Motion by Mr. Lendi' seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 551 Gostlin Street. Mr. Smith advised the bankruptcy is still pending and requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1956 Hamann Street. Mr. Smith stated an Agreement to Rehabilitate was drafted and will expire on May 15, 2013. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 422 Highland Street. Mr. Smith advised repairs are being made and an Agreement to Rehabilitate was entered into previously which will expire on April 15, 2013. Mr. Smith then requested his matter be set for status on April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 847 Hoffman Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised no progress has been made and requests the board affirm the Findings and Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4403 Hohman Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate was entered into on January 9, 2012 and

will expire in May of 2013 and no progress has been made. Mr. Smith then advised the Board affirm the Findings and Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4742 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Smith advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate was entered in to on February 16, 2012 and progress is being made. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013 for status of repair. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 6257 Hohman Avenue. Attorney Sorge appears for property owners and requested additional time for repairs to be made. Mr. Smith then advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate was signed on October 17, 2012 and progress is being made. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 6039 Jackson Avenue. Mr. Smith advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate was signed on April 26, 2012 and progress is being made. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4249 Johnson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised he spoke with Eric Rogers, Statebridge Company, by telephone on January 4, 2013, who advised the company is not going to make repairs but will charge off the mortgage to the property owner. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 222 Marble Street. Mr. Smith advised progress is being made and requested this matter be set for status on April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7513 Marshall Avenue. Property owners fail to appear. Mr. Smith advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate was signed on January 18, 2012 which expires on April 25, 2013. Mr. Smith said repairs have ceased to be made and requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Mr. Smith then said the owner will be contacted in writing informing that based on the lack of repair the property will be set for resumption of demolition proceedings on said date. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on 6431 Nebraska Avenue. Mr. Smith stated an Agreement to Rehabilitate was entered into in May of 2012 and progress is being made. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013 for status. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2500 New York Avenue. Property owners fail to appear. Mr. Smith advised the Agreement to Stay the Demolition expired on January 11, 2013 and no progress has been made. Mr. Smith then stated Redevelopment will bid the demolition.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 3545 – 163rd Street. Mr. Smith stated the property is waiting final inspection and requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1233 Sherman Street. Property owner, Mr. Anthony Rios, appears and stated he has paid for a demolition inspection. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013 to allow inspection to take place. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1143 Summer Street. Ms. Joyce Askew and Ms. Karen Johnson Askew appear on behalf of the property and indicate progress is being made. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1150 Summer Street. Tax sale purchaser, Mr. Galvin, appears. Mr. Smith stated an Agreement to Rehabilitate expired in November of 2012 and a new agreement must be drafted. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 7, 2013 for status of the new agreement; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 3916 Torrence Avenue. Attorney Kruszynski appears and indicated the property was insured and the repairs re being made and requested additional time to complete said repairs. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1459 Truman Street. Property owner, Mr. Jim Witous, appears. Mr. Smith advised a Demolition Order was entered in September of 2011 and an Agreement to Rehabilitate was signed in July of 2012 but has expired on October 15, 2012. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to allow the start of repair or commence demolition. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 7, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 23 – 25 Webb Street. Property owner Ms Betty Sorenson appears with Attonrey Tom O'Donnell. Mr. Smith advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate will be signed and requested this matter be continued to April 25, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7238 Wicker Avenue. Mr. Smith advised

that Attorney Joseph Svetanoff, for the property owner, requested additional time for repairs to be made and also advised that permits have been pulled. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 636 Willow Court. Attorney Joseph Banasiak, representing the estate and heirs, requested additional time to get money to make repairs. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6625 Alexander Avenue. Ms. Ann Staffon appears and stated that her ex-husband owns the property and she does not object to the demolition. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6639 Alexander Avenue. Mr. Ron Klapak, owner of 6639 Alexander Avenue, appears and stated the correct address for the house to be demolished is 6633 Alexander Avenue. Mr. Klapak stated he lives at 6639 Alexander Avenue and 6633 Alexander Avenue has a tarp on the roof, fence is falling down and the garage is full of garbage. Mr. Smith then requested the Board dismiss demolition action against 6639 Alexander Avenue. Motion by Mr. Lendi to dismiss action against 6639 Alexander Avenue; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5733 Baring Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith stated this house was damaged in a fire and due to the condition of the property requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6916 Bertram Avenue. Property owner, Bank of America, fails to appear. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish based on the condition of the property. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5963 Birch Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised this is a single story frame house with a bad roof, the siding is beginning to rot and the doors and windows are open. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1531 Brown Avenue. Mr. Smith advised the tax sale purchaser of this property contacted the City by Attorney Geoff Polk. Mr. Polk stated his client cannot make repairs until the deed is received. Mr. Smith advised the house has been sealed by the Lake County Health Department due to health hazards. Mr. Daryl Tunis, owner prior to tax sale, appeared and said the house is still sealed and he has made no repair on the structure. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish based on the threat this property presents to

surrounding occupied properties but stay until resolution of tax sale issue and ownership is determined. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish but stay until the resolution of the tax sale issue and ownership is determined; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4117 Cameron Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Attonrey Kruszynski appears for the mortgage holder and advised this property is in foreclosure. Mr. Kruszynski requested additional time for the bank to determine whether or not repairs will be made. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5341 – 45 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Kenneth Eng, appears. Mr. Eng said that he has owned the building for a few years and is trying to sell it. Mr. Smith stated this property, the former Star Auto Building, is boarded up and has a hole in the roof. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5722 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith stated Attorney Susan Kleineman called on behalf of the property owner. Mr. Smith stated this is an illegal multi-unit with a falling porch and the inside of the property is in bad condition. Ms. Kleineman said the property owners will self demolish and are in the process of getting bids for the work. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 222 – 24 Carroll Street. Tax sale purchaser, Mr. Sergio Gutierrez, and requested addition time in order to obtain an inspection of the building. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4904 Cedar Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised there is a failing back porch, a chicken coop in the backyard, as well as a boarded up garage. Mr. Smith requested due to the condition of the buildings the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 839 – 841 Chicago Street. Property owner, Mr. Moreno, appears and stated he sold this property to Mr. David Patino last week. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish based on the condition of the building. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1903 Clay Street. Tax sale purchaser, Mr. Sergio Gutierrez, appears. Mr. Smith advised this is a boarded up two (2) story frame house with a falling fence and high grass. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued to allow the Building

Department to complete an inspection. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1909 Clay Street. Tax sale purchaser, Mr. Sergio Gutierrez, appears. Mr. Smith stated this house is boarded up and full of mold. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued to allow time for an inspection. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1033 Cleveland Street. Mr. Smith stated he received a letter from Attorney Golding representing the tax sale purchaser who does not object to a demolition. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7514 Columbia Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said this is an old illegally cut up farm house with a failing foundation and porch. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 443 Conkey Street. Mr. Smith advised an Agreement to Rehabilitate is awaiting signature and requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 505 Detroit Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised this property was involved in a fire and the insurance company has held 15% of the policy amount for demolition which will be completed by the property owner. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013 for status of demolition; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 247 Doty Street. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owner. Mr. Sorge said the property owner, Mr. Briscoe, wants to make improvements. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to allow an inspection to be done. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 249 Doty Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to failing roof, hole in the side of the building, doors and windows are boarded up and the failing porch. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 423 Florence Street. Ms. Kandace Murphy, tax sale purchaser, appeared. Ms. Murphy said she just received the deed. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to allow time for the owner to contact the Building Department to arrange an inspection. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr.

Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6327 Forest Avenue. Mr. Egglebrech, who inherited the property, appears. Mr. Smith advised this is a two (2) story frame house with rotting wood, fallen porch and water damage as a result of missing gutters. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish but stay until November 1, 2013 to allow for repair and a written Agreement to Rehabilitate. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish but stay to November 1, 2013

Demolition hearing on property located at 6320 Harrison Avenue. Tax sale purchaser, Ms. Alison Kuo, appears with Attorney Bob Golding. Ms. Kuo wants to rehabilitate the house and an inspection has already been paid for. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1237 Highland Street. Property owner and tax sale purchaser fail to appear. Mr. Smith advised the property is boarded up with vermin infestation. Mr. Smith then said this hearing was reset to allow the tax sale purchaser to be present. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 910 Hoffman Street. Attorney Bruce Paul, of LNV, disclaimed the frame house by email on January 15, 2013. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to the condition of the property. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4203 Johnson Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Claudia Bueno, appears. Ms. Bueno said she wishes to repair the fire damaged house. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 631 Kane Street. Mr. Smith advised he received a telephone call from Attorney John Craig, representing the property owner, and said the owner wants to make repairs. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013' seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 441 Lewis Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Michelle O'Connor, real estate agent for this property at ReMax Results, appears. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to the condition of the property. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 523 Lewis Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised this is a boarded up frame house, tarp on the roof, missing siding and there is no water service. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to the condition of the property. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni.



AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6317 Monroe Avenue. Ms. Alison Kuo, tax sale purchaser, appears with Attorney Golding. Mr. Golding stated Ms. Kuo would like to make repairs and requested additional time. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5730 Northcote Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Richard Rodriguez, appears. Mr. Smith stated the he was contacted by Attorney Coe regarding this property. Mr. Rodriguez stated he wants to make repairs and has paid for an inspection. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4845 - 47 Oak Avenue. Mr. Smith stated the re is house, in poor condition, on one (1) lot owned by Mr. John Conway, and also a vacant lot at this address. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to allow time to notify Mr. Conway. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4904 Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to the condition of the building. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7230 Ohio Avenue. Mr. Smith advised the tax sale purchaser, Mr. Gary Lee, wants to self-demolish the fire damaged garage. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued for status of demolition. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6738 Olcott Avenue. Ms. Sarah Harket appears and indicated this was her grandfather's home. Attonrey Kruszynski appears for the mortgage holder and stated this property has gone to Sheriff's sale. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6742 Olcott Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Connie Trepton, appears. Ms. Smith advised this house is boarded up, missing soffits and an inspection must be performed. Ms. Trepton stated she wants to make repairs but needs additional time. Motion by Mr. Lend to April 25, 2013 by which time an inspection must be completed; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6739 Ontario Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised this property has been cited as a nuisance property and due to the condition of the property Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by

Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 603 – 169th Street. Mr. Karam Awawda appears and has no objection to the demolition of the property. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1114 – 167th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to the condition of the property. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 819 – 175th Place. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised this house has been sealed as unfit and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4811 Pine Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish based on the house being boarded up, the fascia/soffit is falling and garbage in the yard. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition of property located at 1014 Reese Street. Property owner, Mr. Hugo Torres, appears. Mr. Torres objected to the demolition as he states that he lives there and is in the condition it is because his daughter's boyfriend broke in to the house on October 9, 2012. Mr. Smith advised there is no water, no power, evidence of children living there and the back porch is missing. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5 Rimbach Street. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owner. Mr. Smith advised this multi-unit property has been cited as a nuisance property with unsafe electric in side the property. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7 Rimbach Street. Ms. Lynn Roby appeared and stated this is her mother's house. Mr. Smith stated this a boarded up frame multi-unit which has been vacant for over one (1) year, with soffit/ fascia and roof falling. Ms. Roby requested additional time. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to April 25, 2012; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 8 Rimbach Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said this is a commercial property on the corner of State Line Avenue and Rimbach Street and due to the condition of the property Mr. Smith requests the Board affirm the Order to Demolish.

Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4729 Sheffield Avenue. Ms. Zita Salullo, daughter of Ms. Catarno Banda, appears. Mr. Smith advised this is a multi-unit house with fire damage and the insurance company has already tendered 15% of the proceeds to be used for demolition. Ms. Salullo said she had no objection to the demolition. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1320 Sherman Street. Attorney K. Wilk representing the estate of the property owner. Mr. Smith stated this is a boarded up one (1) story frame house full of garbage. Mr. Wilk had no objection to the demolition. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 207 Southmoor Road. Mr. Smith advised that Attonrey Borniger, representing the property owner, has been advised this is a one (1) story frame house that is full of animal waste. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2014 Stanton Avenue. Mr. Smith removed this property from the demolition list.

Demolition hearing on property located at 650 – 54 State Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith stated this is a older brick commercial structure with collapsed walls and roof and the front break is ready to fall. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to demolish but stay until May 1, 2013 as owner will self-demolish. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish but stayed until May 1, 2013 for owner to self-demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1920 Superior Avenue. Mr. Smith stated the property has been ordered demolished but progress is being made and permits issued for the work. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue to April 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 854 Truman Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised the house is boarded up, vacant, no porch stairs and gang symbols painted on the side of the building and due to the condition, Mr. Smith requests the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Lend to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7732 Walnut Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised there is a hole in one of the walls open to the elements, failing roof and

trash in the yard. Mr. Smith requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish due to the condition of the property. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

All demolition hearings under (Ins. No. 13-077)

Hearing on property located at 7106 Columbia Avenue. Ms. Ellen Naumoff, prospective buyer, appears. Ms. Naumoff said that she wants to invest \$40,000 into the property and has a plan which shows how the money would be spent. City Attorney Kristina Kantar advised the property owner, 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, has not yet appeared and the representative was told at the meeting of December 20, 2012 that an Agreement to Rehabilitate must be signed prior to this meeting to stay the demolition. Ms. Eileen Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, then appeared and said that she was to meet the Building Commissioner, Mr. Kurt Koch, yesterday but she was unable to keep the appointment. Ms. Kantar then said that the bank asked for a continuance and were granted sixty (60) days, and were told an Agreement to Rehabilitate must be signed by both the bank and the City prior to today's hearing and no agreement has been presented. Ms. Kantar then advised that there has been no bond posted, no permits issued and no repairs made. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the demolition; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 213 – 142nd Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requests this matter be continued for sixty (60) days. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-078)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4149 Sheffield Avenue. Property owner, JP Chase Bank, fails to appear. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the second floor rear unit and the first floor store front apartments. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 12-079)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1262 Summer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requests this matter be continued to February 28, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 28, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-080)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4815 Pine Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested this matter be continued to February 28, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 28, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-081)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4024 Cameron Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Vicente Martinez, appears. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the basement apartment be removed. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and

Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-082)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5972 White Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring this property be returned to a single family home. Motion by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-083)

Correspondence received from Mr. Christopher Kirincic requesting the rental registration hearing held January 17, 2013 be rescheduled. Motion by Mr. Lendi to reset this matter to February 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-084)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings be set. Motion by Mr. Lendi to set these matters for hearing on February 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-085)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of January 21, 2013. Motion by Mr. Lendi to approve the listing; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-086)

Correspondence received from WOW! regarding rate increases. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-087)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received the Findings and Order Rescinding Demolition Order of March 15, 2012 for property located at 2041 – 43 Lake Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-088)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Naumoff said she grew up in Hammond, cares about the City and wonders why she keeps coming back.

Ms. Eileen Jackson expressed her concerns regarding the demolition of 7106 Columbia Avenue.

Ms. Mary Ellen Slayzak then addressed the Board. Ms. Slayzak stated she has lived in the City of Hammond for thirty nine (39) years and there are many homes that need rehabilitation and that she does not want to look at empty lots after houses have been demolished. Ms. Slayzak then said she would like to give the Board a copy of her Homesteading Program which she believes if put into effect could help the City. (Ins. No. 13-089)

Mr. Daryl Tunis addressed the Board. Mr. Tunis said he is a life long resident of the City, belongs to the Historical Society, and cares about the City of Hammond, regardless of political party. Mr. Tunis then stated he has tried to work with Code Enforcement and believe all should work together to glorify God.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Lendi to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

APPROVED: February 7, 2013

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William J. O'Connor, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary